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| Application Number | 09/827,248 |
| Filing Date | April 4, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | David R. Hembree |
| Art Unit | V. Nguyen |
| Examiner Name | 2829 |
| Attorney Docket Number | MI22-1684 |

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☒ Other Form PTO-1449

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)b. ☒ Other Petition to Withdraw from Issue; Cited References [2 of 12]

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a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 23-0925i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☒ Other Petition Fee (\$130.00)b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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| Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005 | | Complete if Known Application Number 09/827,248 Filing Date April 4, 2001 First Named Inventor David R. Hembree Examiner Name V. Nguyen Art Unit 2829 Attorney Docket No. MI22-1684 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | | FAX RECEIVED DEC 07 2006 OFFICE OF PETITIONS | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | (\$) | 920.00 | |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

Total Claims: _____ Extra Claims: _____ Fee (\$): _____ Fee Paid (\$): _____
 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

| Description | Fee Paid (\$) |
|---|---------------|
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) | |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination & Petition Fee | \$920.00 |

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